

# Fast Start for Filters

## Rapid establishment of filter activity

EcoPond Fast Start for Filters is a concentrated blend of naturally occurring pond filter bacteria, which will kick start new filters and boost the activity of existing filters. The formula is based on specialist bacterial technology and contains billions of micro-organisms, which are critical to the effective function of an aquatic bio-filter.

### Benefits of Fast Start for Filters:

- Rapidly establishes optimum filter activity
- Helps eliminate toxic fish waste & toxins
- Clean, simple and easy to use.
- Safe for fish, plants, humans, pets and wildlife



**Dosage:** 50 ml per 1,000 litres (220 gallons) for new filters  
40 ml per 1,000 litres to boost existing filters  
20 ml per 1,000 litres maintenance dose

### Additional information:

- UV can affect the activity of the product. It is important that the UV is turned off for an initial period of at least 5 days to allow bacteria to establish.
- Avoid medication during filter start up.
- Fast Start for Filters can also be used in tropical and marine systems (dose at 50 ml per 100 litres). For more advice on dosing in aquaria please contact Eco Pond.
- Using more than the recommended dose will not cause any harm.

**See reverse of sheet for Dosing Information and answers to Frequently Asked Questions about EcoPond Fast Start for Filters.**

Eco Pond Ltd, PO Box 5409, Bradford on Avon, BA15 5DD  
Tel: 01225 86776 E-mail: [info@ecopond.co.uk](mailto:info@ecopond.co.uk) Web: [www.ecopond.co.uk](http://www.ecopond.co.uk)

## Frequently Asked Questions:

### ***How do I use Fast Start for Filters?***

We recommend dosing 50 ml per 1,000 litres (220 gallons) of pond water weekly for the first month to accelerate start-up of new filters, or 40 ml per 1,000 litres per week for 4 weeks to give an existing filter a boost. To maintain, add 20 ml per 1,000 litres every month.

Please note that the above dosages are given as a guideline, as all ponds are different and respond differently to treatment. When adding a new filter you must turn off any UV units while the filter biomass becomes established. UVs can be turned on again when you start feeding your fish.

### ***How much do I need?***

One 250 ml bottle will treat up to 4,500 litres (1,000 gallons) of pond water.

### ***How do I dose it into my pond?***

It is supplied in a bottle with a measuring chamber, so it is easy to apply the correct dose. Shake the bottle before use then remove the cap from the dosing chamber and gently squeeze the bottle until the product reaches the required level in the chamber. Fast Start for Filters is best added into the pond filter or near to a re-circulating system or pump to ensure it is well mixed, but otherwise, it can simply be sprinkled across the surface of the pond.

### ***What are the benefits of using Fast Start for Filters?***

Its regular use will help with the removal and filtration of harmful fish waste, providing good pond water quality and healthy fish.

### ***Is there anything that stops EcoPond Fast Start for Filters from working?***

Fast Start for Filters contains live nitrifying bacteria, which can be affected by UV when they are first establishing. It is therefore essential, when setting up a new pond, to leave any UV equipment off until fish begin feeding. Nitrifying bacteria can also be affected by medication, so if medicating regularly, it is wise to consider adding Fast Start for Filters more regularly as a maintenance product as well.

### ***Is there a situation where it cannot be used?***

No, it is safe to use in even the most sensitive environments.

### ***What happens if I add more than the recommended dose?***

Don't worry. It is a totally natural product and no harm can be done by adding too much.